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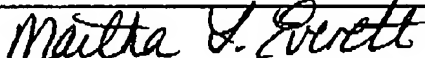
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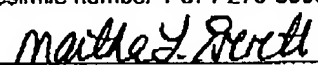
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The communication asserts that the Appeal Brief, filed 31 January 2008 was defective for failure to comply with certain provisions of 37 CFR 41.37.

A revised brief is attached.

Applicant's attorney concedes that the heading "The Rejection" is not the one precisely specified in 37 CFR 41.37(vi) and has revised it to comply. It is, however, pointed out that the rule does not expressly require the exact headings designated in the rule, it merely requires the heading to be "appropriate", implying that headings not exactly in the same terms as the rule may be acceptable if "appropriate". To this extent, the conclusion of defect is not warranted since the heading "The Rejection" seems no less "appropriate" than "Grounds of Rejection to be Reviewed on Appeal". The brief does, however, contain a concise statement of each ground of rejection since only one rejection, made under 35 USC 103(a) was made and that is adequately and, in fact, concisely, summarized in the section now headed "Grounds of Rejection to be Reviewed on Appeal".

The presence of the section entitled "The References" does not render the brief non-compliant. The rules, 37 CFR 41.37 require that the brief "contain the following items under appropriate headings and in the order indicated" but it does not *preclude* the presence of additional sections provided that the required ones are present and in the required order. The brief does contain the items specified in 37 CFR 41.37 and in the order indicated in the rule, i.e. the section "Argument" (under that heading) follows the item now designated as "Grounds of Rejection to be Reviewed on Appeal". The brief is therefore in compliance with the requirements of the rule.

An appendix in compliance with 37 CFR 41.37 (ix) is now included.

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